

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Town of Grafton

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Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Finance Committee
Public Meeting
7:30 P.M.
Conference Room A

Public Meeting

The public meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7: 30 PM

Finance Committee members present:

Doris Metivier, Dave Ross, Fred Churchill, Don Davison, Bob Foley Bill Hanley, Sue Robbins, Dharmesh Shah

Finance Committee members absent:

Gary Murray

Outstanding Bills

All bills have been approved as presented

Debt Policy Revision

• John Clark, Treasurer-Collector, will be presenting to the Board of Selectmen relative to the Debt Policy Revision

Fire alarm system

- Town Administrator was not present to discuss this subject matter.
- School system has prepared for their own alarm system and it has not been budgeted.
- Sewer Commission has prepared for their own system and has budgeted for this.

Follow Up

- Send Memo to the Town Administrator:
- Questions to be answered from the Chief
- Why doesn't the police want to monitor the alarm system for the Town?
- Determine Cost of the School Fire Alarm System
- Determine Cost of the Sewer Fire Alarm System
- Is fire alarm system needed at the Municipal, Old Town Hall, South Grafton Community House?
- How much for the Panel at the Police Station?
- Dispatchers are not leaving the old building until the alarm system is worked out.
- CC Questions to the Fire Chief.

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Update on the Fire Building Committee

Fire building

- Purchase and Sale agreement has been signed by Mark Santora.
- Mark Santora will be removing all of the buildings.
- The Committee will be reviewing the OPM
- Carrell first gave a price for \$208,000 and now it is \$480,000.
- The Fire Building Committee is asking for a breakdown of this price.
- Carrell is contending that there is an outstanding bill in the amount of \$80,000 from a prior year. Copy of the bill has not been seen.
- Historical district has commented on the building style.

Police Department new building open house

- October14, 2006 11:00 AM
- Tours are until 1:00 PM

Yahoo presentation

• Finance Committee Dharmesh Shah gave a presentation about using Yahoo to the Finance Committee.

Fisherville Mill Impact Report

Bob Foley is recusing himself from the discussion.

Comments:

- Concerns over the housing and how it is set up, e.g. two children per household; limit on the amount of children that will be allowed. Funds will be received but it will be a onetime shot.
- Brownfields will be cleaned up
- Traffic control, fire safety have not been addressed
- Impact on the Town- how developed
- Full time Fire Department needed?
- Possible commercial use vs. residential use.
- Housing market and concerns for Cross Street.
- The ground level has been raised will it stay this way?
- Town meeting for rezoning.
- Ask Planning Board if this area has to be rezoned
- Good news...it will clean up the area.

Meeting Schedule February 2007 through June 2007.

• Finance Committee reviewed the schedule and decided to keep the dates comparable to last year's meeting schedule.

Ask Natalie Lashmit, Town Administrator the following:

- Designer Selection Committee
- Bids are open for jobs that need to be done for One Grafton Common and SGCH

Discussion topics

- Confirm Gaudette as the owner of One Grafton Common.
- What is the source of funding for the Designer Selection Committee?
- \$100,000.00 Bob Foley, as a member of this committee will be looking into it.
- How much did it cost for the alteration of the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Administrator's office?

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Message to Tricia Fay the Town Accountant and CC to Town Administrator

- Management report needs to be received on a monthly basis
- General Ledger
- End of the year closeout

Adjournment

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee close its public meeting. Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries. The public meeting of the Finance Committee closed at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco